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NOTE AND COMMENT

The *Strathcona Chronicle* takes exception to what was said on this page in regard to Mr. Aylesworth's elections act amendment. It accuses the *Saturday News* of developing a species of "blind staggers," "the latest phase of the disease being the attempt to defend Mr. R. E. A. Leach for his action in disfranchising almost ten thousand Conservative voters in Manitoba."

The *Chronicle's* statement is characteristic of the whole campaign that is being carried on against the measure. In the first place there were only 50,000 voters in the whole province. In only three out of the ten constituencies were prosecutions entered against the perpetrators of the alleged "thin red line outrages." Yet if we are to credit the *Chronicle's* statement, out of the 15,000 voters in Selkirk, Provencher, and Macdonald, the three ridings concerned, 10,000 lost their votes. As a matter of fact a careful reading of the evidence taken two years ago before the select committee at Ottawa shows that the number who were wrongfully deprived of their franchise was not much in excess of one hundred.

But it makes no difference whether the cases of disfranchisement amounted to one hundred or ten thousand, so far as this measure is concerned. The surprising thing is that they were so few and it is for the purpose of avoiding them altogether in the future that this act is introduced. The more there were, the greater need for this legislation. The election of 1904 could not have been held if the returning officers had not taken the action that they did. No one has yet shown how it could otherwise have been arranged. But individuals could not be found to assume responsibility for the step on another occasion, with doubts raised as to its legality.

What becomes of the "thin red line outrage" in the face of the evidence of Mr. Knott, who was counsel on behalf of the prosecution entered by the Manitoba government? When asked before the committee at Ottawa whether he could suggest anything that was unreasonable in the action of the returning officers or whether it was not the most reasonable thing in the world for these returning officers to have done, he replied with candor that he considered it was perfectly reasonable, but the question was whether or not it was legal. The only explanation of this statement is that the whole issue has been raised out of a pure legal technicality and this bill simply provides a way of getting out of the difficulty that confronted the returning officers in 1904, that is legal as well as reasonable.

How far misrepresentation can go is shown by the following from the *Chronicle's* article:

"Manitoba had once been engineered by Mr. Leach's methods. There would have been an element of personal danger in another such franchise robbery and even Leach would not face it. Therefore this iniquitous Bill was framed to do Leach's work by other means."

It has yet to be shown that even in 1904 any wrong was done that could have been avoided. But, suppose a wrong were intentionally done in that instance, how is it to be perpetrated by the present bill? It provides for an appeal to the judges and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the other day, went so far as to offer to leave the matter wholly in their hands. If we cannot trust the judges, who can we trust? What right has the *Chronicle* to say that they will do "Leach's work."

For the personal attacks upon Mr. Leach, that gentleman has only to thank himself. While the action of the returning officers was perfectly reasonable as we have pointed out, there was no need for his assisting

them in their work. The fact that he was the Liberal organizer has given a color to the "thin red line" charges, which anyone with any knowledge of politics should have been able to foresee. There was no justification for his mixing up with the matter at all. But all this has nothing to do with the present bill. If it goes through, the rights of the voter will be fully safe-guarded and that is all that has to be considered at the moment.

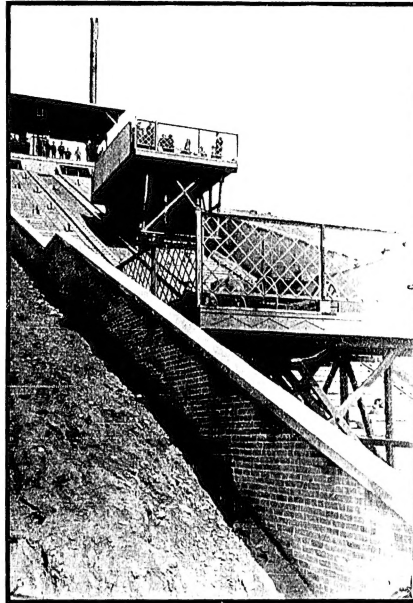
The *Saturday News* has taken strong ground on this question. But it is at one in regard to it with many besides Liberal newspapers. There is no more honest and unprejudiced critic of public measures in Canada than the Montreal *Witness* and this is what it says:

"Whether the Opposition in Parliament has the country with it in its raid upon the rights of parliament, we do not know. Provincialism as against national interests has generally been an effective cry. But we are certain that in the days when Canada becomes proud of being a nation appeals to mere provincial prejudice will be remembered as mere demagoguery. To begin with, the threat, by means of the obstruction of proceedings, to prevent the passing of the estimates until the minority has its way, is a simple degeneration of the very principle of parliamentary rule. It is government by minority, not by majority. If some great popular right was being trampled on there might be some excuse for such lawless and altogether undignified and irrational proceedings, as there is sometimes acknowledged to be excuse even for rebellion. But what is the right that parliament claims? Simply that of managing its own voting lists, and not accepting lists, prepared by the provinces, and not applicable to the federal divisions. The alleged ground of this opposition is the base charge that the federal government would falsify the lists. Assuming that governments falsify lists—of which there have no doubt been countless circumstances—then it is very unblushing to claim as a high principle of public policy that such power of manipulation should be vested in the provinces in elections where the constitution vests it in parliament. It looks like a party demand to shape the elections in provinces where the party happens to have the majority. As to the criminalizations themselves it would seem that in cases where the lists composed different areas from those which the federal division required, it was necessary to strike out from one list those who were beyond the bounds, and that through the lack of proper addresses there were not always data whereby to place them on their right list. It is admitted that some mistakes were made. The opposition is, of course, sure they were made on purpose. There are such accumulations at all elections and the public is never sure that they are not well founded. Granted, however, that party officials are more anxious to get friends than enemies on their lists, what sort of a party is it that lays open claim on the right of manipulation, and this on grounds which deny a primary right of parliament? Parliament has, as a matter of practice, accepted the provincial lists where these were based on the municipal lists. But where they are not so based, and where the electoral areas do not coincide, it is obviously the duty of parliament to prepare lists for which it is itself responsible. The ground taken by the Opposition is entirely untenable and its methods factions and humiliating to a leader whom many of his admirers will be sorry to see lending himself to such unworthy and unpatriotic strategy."

Then we have the Toronto *News*, which certainly does not often approve of the Government's course, admitting that the provincial lists which the present administration had in mind when it introduced the legislation of 1898 were those prepared by the municipalities. These are in use in all the provinces east

of Manitoba and have been adopted by the Dominion.

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The long hard climb up the hill to P. Anderson, and G. P. Blythe, Edmonton from the valley of the Saskatchewan that has for so many years taxed the energies of man and beast is no longer a necessity. The machinery was purchased from the West of the incline railway at the foot of First street went into operation. It is the only one of its kind in Canada, west of Hamilton, and is built on the most modern principles. Its original cost was estimated at \$15,000 but this figure has, now that construction has been completed, advanced to \$30,000. The president of the company is Mr. Joseph Hostyn, proprietor of the Edmonton hotel.

The directors are: Messrs Donald Ross, Richard Secord, F. B. Hobson, (Continued on page 4)



MISS LOUISE BREHANY

The distinguished prima donna, who will appear at the Edmonton Opera House next Wednesday accompanied by Mr. Maximilian Dick, Violinist, Miss Edith Adams, Violinist, and Miss Alice McClung, Pianist. No more notable musical organization has ever visited the Canadian West.

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"In so far as the legislation before the House of Commons is concerned," says the *News*, "it is a pity that a conference could not be had with the Provincial authorities and an arrangement effected by which the whole preparation of the lists would rest in the hands of the municipal and judicial authorities."

This is the proper system. But lacking it, parliament has no alternative but to adopt the present measure, to apply to provinces which do not depend on the municipalities and the judges.

So determined a fight has the Opposition been putting up on the Election Amendment Act that dissolution rumors have arisen. If the supplies are held up and public business obstructed, the government will have no alternative but to appeal to the country. We do not believe, however, that the Conservative leaders will push the issue to that extreme. It would, at any rate, be the poorest kind of politics if they did.

Ontario and Quebec are in the throes of provincial contests, the polling taking place on the same day as each, the eight of June. It is generally accepted that in each case the administration will be sustained by a large majority. In Quebec the Conservative party seems to have recovered its bearings to some extent and is bringing out some bright young men who may before long challenge Sir Wilfrid's supremacy. In Ontario Mr. Whitney will probably lose a few seats, that were strongly Liberal in the old days but which were turned over to the enemy by disgruntled and disgraced members of that party. On the whole, however, the Opposition campaign appears to lack spirit. The character of the candidates being brought out is on the whole poor and the speeches denouncing the government have a hollow ring.

Dr. Clarke, the Liberal candidate for Red Deer, addressed a meeting in the town of Red Deer last week at which Mayor Gaetz was called upon for a speech, which while of an impromptu character possessed no little significance. Mr. Gaetz comes of an old Conservative family, his father having fought the battles of the party in that part of the west for many years. Dr. Clarke had discussed the fiscal issue and in presenting his arguments for a low tariff had made the same profound impression that has been the case wherever he has gone throughout Alberta. The mayor expressed himself as delighted with what he had heard.

"From his standpoint, however," he continued, "the Dr.'s address was a condemnation of the Liberal Government in that it had not put into effect the free trade policy which he (the speaker) believed, and which Liberals professed to believe, to be the best policy for this country. The Government has done something in this direction, it was true, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier's British preferential stroke of statesmanship. If the Liberals were returned to power, he hoped they would go further in freedom of trade. If a Conservative Government was put in, he hoped they would abandon the wretched tariff policy which would inevitably tend to the degradation and ruin of Canada."

This is the kind of utterance that politicians of both parties should take notice of. It indicates the sentiment of the west, and that sentiment will before very long be the factor that decides the fate of federal governments.

The Canadian Trade figures for April should cause some reflection on the part of those wise-ones, who in parliament and out of it, have talked about the seriousness of having "the balance of trade" against the Dominion. That old theory was exploded by economists nearly a century since, but some people still persist in advancing it. No one will dispute that trade conditions were very much worse this spring than they were a year ago. Yet in April 1908 we find that the imports into Canada were \$8,133,878 less

than they were in 1907, while the exports were \$542,979 more. If large exports are a sign of prosperity and large imports of the reverse, it is a wonder the business world didn't feel better off this year than last. To show the erroneous character of the idea, we have only to study the Canadian trade figures of the past quarter of a century. When business is dull, exports almost invariably make a better showing in comparison with imports than they do when it is lively.

On Tuesday night at Spruce Grove, the Liberals of that part of the province did honor to their representative, Mr. John A. McPherson M.P., by tendering him a banquet. A large contingent went out from Edmonton, including Premier Rathbarn, Hon. C. W. Cross and Hon. W. H. Cushing, all of whom in the course of their addresses paid warm tributes to Mr. McPherson's worth. The member for Stony Plain fully deserved all the complimentary things that were said of him. He is a man whom it is a delight to honor. He came to this country twenty-eight years ago and by the application of intelligence and industry has made a very notable success of what in his case may be termed the science of farming. When the time came for electing the first Legislature of the province, he was chosen to represent Stony Plain and has shown himself an ideal member for an agricultural riding. If we had a Hansard in the Legislature, no one need have any fear of Mr. McPherson's taking up too much space in it. But when he does express an opinion it is worth paying attention to. To the interests of his constituents he has been most attentive and they do well to show their appreciation of so capable, yet so modest, a representative.

The majority contest in Strathcona, which was expected to be productive of so much excitement, is not to come off after all. Chief of Police Patterson, around the charges against whom the conflict raged which ended in the withdrawal of Mayor Mills from office, tendered his resignation this week. The former mayor immediately announced that having gained his object, he would not be a candidate, and Mr. J. J. Duggan, the well-known cattle dealer, who has not taken any part in the controversy, was elected by acclamation on Thursday. It is to be hoped, however, that the investigation into the city's police affairs, will not be allowed to lapse. Enough has already been brought out to make the people very uneasy as to the way in which the law was being administered and a complete exposure of the practices that were in vogue is an absolute necessity.

Mr. W. W. Cory, deputy minister of the interior, and Mr. R. E. A. Leach, inspector of Dominion Lands, were visitors to Edmonton on Friday last.

Mr. E. A. Molson, manager of the Merchant's Bank at Red Deer, has been transferred to the Calgary managership.

J. B. St. Cyr, D.L.S. of Montreal left this week with his party on a surveying trip in the direction of Dunvegan.

Mr. J. D. Martin, well-known in educational circles in Red Deer, will accompany Messrs. Craig and McKillop on their trip to the Peace River country, with a view to investigating and reporting on the educational needs of that part of the province.

Mr. Donald Gillies, who is leaving the Edmonton Bulletin staff to take over the Pincher Creek Echo, in succession to "Si" Saunders, the veteran Southern Alberta journalist, was presented with a nurse of gold by his former associates.

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SATURDAY, MAY 23

News Notes.

Carl Berch, a Vancouver theatrical man, has been in Edmonton this week, for the purpose of completing plans for the erection of a \$200,000 theatre. This sum is in addition to the price of the lot, which is to be purchased in the central part of the city. It is proposed to have the building completed this fall.

A well-attended Conservative meeting on Ross Flats was addressed last week by Messrs J. D. Hyndman, A. F. Ewing and Donald Ross, jr. Carl Miller presided.

Sergeant Nicholas, of the R.N.W.M.P. on Monday brought in a man named Charles Ryder from the foot-hill country west of Lacombe on a charge of horsestealing.

Mr. A. E. Jackson has purchased Mr. Joseph Whitelaw's house on Sixth street south, Edmonton, for \$10,000.

As a result of recent improvements in its system of fire protection, Strathcona will shortly have as favorable an insurance rate as either Edmonton or Calgary.

It is announced that next week a substantial reduction will be made in the freight rates prevailing on the C.N.R. from Minnesota and Wisconsin to Edmonton. This reduction amounts to from 4 to 8c per 100 pounds, according to the class.

The following are the old and new rates per 100 pounds in the different classes, showing the reduction:

Classes	1	2	3
Old rate	\$2.55	\$2.13	\$1.7
New rate	\$2.47	\$2.07	\$1.6
Reduction	.08	.06	.0
Classes	4	5	6
Old rate	\$1.28	\$1.15	\$1.0
New rate	\$1.21	\$1.11	.9
Reduction	.04	.00	.0
Classes	7	8	9
Old rate	\$0.71	\$0.62	\$0.5
New rate	.67	.62	.5
Reduction	.05	.00	.0

This new rate applies on the same classes governed by the Canadian classification. The rates apply not only locally from St. Paul, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Transfer, Duluth and Chicago, Minnesota, and Superior, Wisconsin, but also as proportional rates on practically all traffic coming from points in the United States, East, west and south of St. Paul.

As a result of the recent visit to Ottawa of Hon. C. W. Cross, the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan will receive \$118,912 from the Dominion government, which accumulated in the hands of the Dominion government when it controlled the operations of the Land Titles Act in the territory now embraced in these two provinces. This fund will be divided according to transactions in each province. As a result of the attorney-general's representations, Mr. Oliver introduced a bill in the Dominion House last week providing for the payment of this fund to the provinces. In the past it has been the practice to impose a small tax on every land transaction to form the fund out of which might be paid any claims arising out of mistakes occurring under the operations of the act. By the autonomy bills, the new provinces assumed the operation of the Land Titles Act and also assumed responsibility for claims, so upon the representations of the attorney-general for Alberta it was decided that this fund should be divided to them. The fund to be dealt with totals \$118,912 and will be divided according to the earnings on land transactions in each province.

Music and Drama.

Sir Frederick Bridge, the organist of Westminster Abbey, who is making a trans-Canadian tour, under the management of Mr. C. A. E. Harris of Ottawa, was greeted by an audience which filled the building to the doors at Knox Church, Calgary. The work of the choir of one hundred and thirty voices, organized to illustrate Sir Frederick's address on church music, was warmly praised by the distinguished visitor. Mr. Albert Archdeacon, who accompanies him on his tour, and who will be remembered as one of Madame Albani's party on her visit to Alberta, sang "Thus saith the High and Mighty One" and "The Trumpet Shall Sound." The event is described as the most notable one in Calgary's musical history.

The visit of the concert company, headed by Miss Louise Brehany, to appear at the Edmonton Opera House next week, will be one of the principal musical events of the season.

It has always been supposed that the range of a female voice has been two octaves. The voices that have been celebrated in the musical world have been those that have either been much higher than the normal voice, or lower. In the seventeenth century there lived an artist named Madame Azujari, who possessed a voice of three octaves, from G in the bass to F in the alt, above High

Louise Brehany possesses everything required of a great artist: a splendid physique, a beautiful woman, youth, and a wonderful personality that has made her name known the world over.

On April 20, under the personal direction of Mr. H. B. Thearle, she commenced a ten weeks' tour of the principal cities of North America. At the conclusion of her American tour, she is to appear in London, Paris, and Berlin, where the unusual qualities of her marvellous voice has already attracted much attention; which is easily understood when one considers that Miss Brehany sings Contralto-Mezzo Colatura Soprano songs with equal effectiveness and brilliancy.

Accompanying Miss Brehany are three other distinguished artists, Mr. Maximilian Dick, the violinist, has a reputation throughout Europe and America. The fact that he has occupied the position of concertmeister of the Damarisch Symphony Orchestra is evidence of his standing.

Miss Edith Adams, the violoncellist, while in Berlin, was a pupil of Robert Hausmann of the Royal High School, and later was the protegee of the great virtuoso, Heinrich Kiefer of Munich. So interested was Mr. Kiefer in Miss Adams' talent that he invited her to make her home in his family, which made it possible for her to have almost daily coaching. During this time she not only won

JOURNALISTIC INDEPENDENCE

"Mack," writing in Toronto Saturday Night, enunciates the principles of independence actuating that able journal. He says: A reader in Hamilton writes to say that he fears, from recent articles, that I am leaning to the Conservative side in politics. As a matter of fact, I intend to lean in any blooming direction I want to. This is one of the privileges of this journal. It does not have to give any account of itself, and if any reader does not like the way it is leaning at any particular moment he can write and say so, and it will not make a particle of difference. A newspaper that could be dissuaded from saying what it thinks on a given subject by the fear that it would seem to lean for the time being in the direction of one political party, would not be able to palm itself off for very long on the people as a journal having opinions worth listening to.

Every independent paper whose independence is not of the jelly-fish variety is exposed to the charge of partisanship from party organs with whose interests its expressions do not coincide. Such attacks, however, are seldom of much importance. A paper is finally judged by what it says itself, not by what its competitors say of it.

C. This artist has been notable in history, and a solo voice with a like range has been known since, until now, Patti possessed a voice of unequalled brilliancy and her ability to sing high notes with a purity unknown for many years before, made her the leading singer of the century.

In a recent year Madame Tetriziani, an Italian singer, appeared who could use tones so high in the musical scale that she attracted the attention of the world, and her ability to produce these tones astounded the great public of London and New York, who listened with bated breath to her wonderful execution in a high register, which has been considered impossible, and much the limit of a female voice, debatable. It has now become a question of what is the limit.

There has recently appeared at several notable concerts a voice that has caused all of the heretofore conceived possibilities of vocal demonstration to be eclipsed. At a concert in New York, a young singer in a perfect open demonstration of tone, produced over three octaves. This young woman, Louise Brehany, sang from F in the bass to a perfect G in the alt above High C, in a manner that made her at once a notable artist. Such a voice has not been heard in two hundred years.

Miss Brehany has been a singer all her life. She was a soloist with the Marine Band, Sousa, Remeny, and other great artists and musical productions. But the unusual possibilities of her voice have just dawned upon the musical critics of New York.

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WITH THE INVESTOR

G. W. Riley, land commissioner of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, stated in Vancouver the other day that while it has not been definitely decided, arrangements are being made to sell the Prince Rupert town-site by public auction at Vancouver in September or October. No reservations will be entertained.

Discussing the Findlay river country and the gold discoveries that have been made there the Victoria Colonist says: "Under the most favorable circumstances the trail is long and fairly difficult, and while there is not the least reason why any hardy man should not make the journey, none but hardy people should attempt it, and they should not do without taking all the provisions with them that they are likely to need until they can come out again. Indeed until fuller information has been received, we advise against any inrush of miners. Nothing is yet known sufficient to warrant any such movement, although the best evidence is that gold exists on the Findlay in paying quantities. If men desire to engage in prospecting pure and simple, that is if they want to go into a country that is almost virgin land and take their chances of finding something worth while, there is probably no place on the continent they could go with better prospects of success. But they must remember that they are taking a chance, possibly a very long one. It is unnecessary to tell how much of a gamble prospecting for gold is far better than we do; but there are hundreds of people who have not had such experience or such facilities for observation as will enable them to form an opinion of the value. The region drained by the Findlay is one that is well worth prospecting, and for active men who can afford the time and expense if nothing comes of their work, there is nothing specially arduous in spending a couple of summers in the country. Indeed the right kind of fellows could spend two summers and the intervening winter there without any real discomfort. They might find some-thing and they might not. The Grand Trunk Pacific will doubtless cross the Fraser river at Fort George to the mouth of the Findlay the distance in a direct line is 140 miles, and the intervening country is not difficult. Hence if valuable discoveries are made in the Findlay valley there can be no doubt that transportation will be provided in the course of a comparatively short time. For this reason it might be well worth while for the right kind of people to equip themselves for the thorough prospecting of the country, even if the reported discovery of rich placers proves to be a little too highly colored."

Athletics.

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What did Jones, the captain of the English cricket team, mean when he said on returning from Australia that he was disappointed in "not being able to retain the ashes?" The explanation is that in 1882 after the seven runs victory of the Australians at Kensington that the phrase the "ashes" was first used by the Sporting Times. The following is the epitaph:

In affectionate remembrance of English Cricket which died at the Oval on 29th August, 1882. Deeply lamented by a Large Circle of Sorrowing Friends and Acquaintances. R.I.P.

N.B. - The body will be cremated and the Ashes taken to Australia.

One of the most pleasing features of the match in Arctic weather at Kensington Oval between Surrey and the Gentlemen of England, says an English exchange, was the fine form shown by the champion "W.G." getting old as cricket is considered, but he is still a boy in spirit and enthusiasm. He was born as far back as July 18, 1848, but, like his brother, "E.M.", and the late Charles Abbot, he reckons not by years. He played his first match at Lord's in 1864, and two years later was the recognized champion of the game. It is only natural that a man in his sixtieth year should

lack the activity of youth, and the precision of early days, but it surely was remarkable for the Old Man to score 16 and 25 against the Surrey attack at the beginning of the season. His defensive powers in the first innings of the Gentlemen would have been extraordinary in a man a third of his age, for, at the time when wickets were falling, he helped to wear down the varied attack by batting an hour for his first two runs. It is true he made only 16 before being bowled by Bushy, but his innings was one of those where value cannot be accurately gauged by the score sheet. May he live to be a hundred!

Alfred Shrub, the English professional runner, who toured the United States last summer, and picked up a lot of money, is running as fast as ever in England. In his first appearance in England since the American trip, Shrub competed in a four mile handicap run at the Gosforth sports. Only two runners were found to compete against him. G. Dinning was given 170 yards and J. McCuskey 10 yards more. Shrub had things all his own way and won by 250 yards from Dinning and 400 yards from McCuskey. The time was 19 minutes 55 seconds.

News Notes.

Councillor R. G. Macdonnell and Wm. Harvey, manager of the Excelsior Life Insurance Co., had a narrow escape from drowning on Monday near McLeod. They were out driving in the country and in attempting to cross Willow Creek the horse got into a hole, was swept away and drowned. The occupants of the buggy jumped out and after being immersed to their necks managed to get ashore and were driven home by D. J. Crier, whose ranch is near The buggy and harness were saved. The horse was valued at \$175.

The Red Deer News in its report of the last meeting of the council of that town says: "The Edmonton Cement Co., through their representative, Mr. Patterson, made an offer to the town to establish in Red Deer a branch industry for the manufacture of cement pipes, concrete blocks, and other cement material, the site suggested was the 112 acres at the intake which was convenient to water, to power, to material and to shipping. They would pay \$150 a year for two years for privilege of building office and stable thereon. They would expect the town to buy their concrete pipe for two years at a price of 3c. a foot higher than the council was paying for vitrified brick; they would employ 8 to 10 men, and would employ local men save the manager; they would install an up-to-date plant. The proposal was well received and the necessary arrangements will be put through."

The North Saskatchewan rose eight feet on Monday. A number of logs were carried away and at the mills every effort was made to avoid a repetition of last year's disaster.

Mr. Justice Scott is holding court in Lethbridge. He will resume the Strathcona police investigation on June 10th.

Messrs M. H. McLeod, general manager and J. R. Cameron, general superintendent, of the C.N.R., visited Edmonton on an inspection trip this week. Mr. McLeod stated that there was no immediate prospect of a double passenger train service between Edmonton and Winnipeg.

The work of paving First street south of Jasper avenue, is proceeding rapidly.

At the Edmonton council meeting on Tuesday John Stocks, Deputy Minister of Public Works drew attention to the fact that the Fort Saskatchewan trail had been fenced off in River Lot 21. Complaints had been made regarding this but as it was now within the city limits he referred the matter to the council. Mr. Stocks further stated that the Fort trail was surveyed but the plan never registered, and the property owners had recently subdivided the property, and closed the trail opening a street around the property. The matter was referred to the city commissioner to see if arrangements could be made whereby the provincial government would pay the cost of expropriation in order to open this trail.

Constable Gillespie has been appointed chief of police of Lethbridge to succeed Chief Parry who recently resigned.



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Edmonton's Incline Railway.

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Through these, the wagons are carried to the car floor before the journey, which takes a little less than a minute. At first it was intended to use electric power but the city discovered that its plant could not stand such a tax on its resources and this plan had to be abandoned. Steam was resorted to, the engine that was installed having a capacity of 100 horse power.

For teams a charge of fifteen cents for the round trip is made and for foot passengers five cents. The hours of operation are from seven in the morning to seven in the evening, except on special occasions when they will be extended.

Ever since the incline opened for business, it has been constantly in operation and is recognized by all who have had occasion to go up and down the hill as a very great boon. To the portion of the city that lies on the flats, it will mean much development. To those who have been behind the enterprise and who have pushed it through to completion in the face of many discouragements the warmest congratulations are due.

The Death of Pi-a-pot.

Rev. J. R. Matheson of Onion Lake, Alberta, the veteran western missionary, while in Winnipeg the other day stated that Pi-a-pot, the famous Indian chief who died recently on the reserve west of Qu'Appelle, Sask., was a Sioux, and not a Cree as was reported. Mr. Matheson knew the chief for a number of years and was familiar with his history. He says that Pi-a-pot was captured in a skirmish with the Sioux when a very young boy, and that during the fight he was shot through the body. The name Pi-a-pot signifies in the Indian language, "Sioux with a hole in him," so practically the Indian chief carried his history in his name. Speaking of the trouble with the agents Mr. Matheson considers that the old chief was more sinned against than sinful. He was a sturdy old man, and stood up for his rights. Though he was deposed from the chieftainship he was always chief in the hearts of his men. There seems to be a considerable conflict of opinion regarding the tribe to which Pi-a-pot actually did belong. He has been commonly regarded as a Cree, but W. J. McLean, who is one of the best recognized authorities on Indian affairs, declares the famous old chief was a Stony.

He was created a chief by Major Walsh and never really enjoyed the unwavering loyalty of his people.



Mr. Flush: Have you change for a five.
Mr. Broke: No; but I would like to have a five for a change.

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Cheques of the successful bidders will be returned within three days after the execution of the contract. The right is reserved to reject any or all tenders, or waive defects.

JOHN STOCKS, Deputy Minister of Public Works. Dated at Edmonton this 8th day of May, 1908.

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The Beet Sugar Business at Raymond.

Last year at the Raymond sugar refinery seems to have been a successful year. Complete returns of the output for the year give over four and a quarter million pounds of sugar. The returns by years since beginning are as follows:

Year	Beet tonnage	Lbs. sugar
1903	2,500	85,000
1904	12,000	3,150,000
1905	15,000	4,600,000
1906	15,100	4,700,000
1907	16,500	4,200,000

From this table it will be seen that there has been a steady increase in output with each successive year until the year 1907. The same conditions in this year brought the same results as in other farm interests. The lateness of spring and the shortness of the season prevented the putting in of a full crop or prevented putting it in in good time, which will account for the reduced tonnage of beets and output of sugar. The grade of beets continues as good as ever, and this enabled the company to pay a flat price of \$5 per ton for everything brought to the factory.

With the best cultivation the net gain is from \$10 to \$30 per acre, allowing for interest, expenses and labor. This is a high return per acre. An important advantage of the beet industry is that the returns come early in the season and are available with the harvesting and delivery of the beets, and the price is practically fixed. It is a case of the tonnage the cultivator can produce on an acre.

The Western Stock Growers.

The Western Stock Growers' Association held their annual convention at Medicine Hat, May 14th. The attendance was good. Besides the members of the association, there were present Mr. Grieg, Dom. Live Stock Commissioner, Duncan Anderson, who is in the west carrying on an educative campaign in the interest of live stock production and also to endeavor to arouse the ranch men to the necessity of co-operating with the government in exterminating mange. Premier Rutherford, the Minister of Public Works, and the Minister of Agriculture were also present for a time.

The most important question discussed were hide inspection with a view to preventing cattle stealing and longer grazing leases not subject to reversion within the term of the lease, and giving the lessee the privilege of buying at usual prices 10 per cent of the land leased.

Pure Bred Stock Sale.

The first annual public sale of Shorthorn bulls from the herds of Geo. F. Root, Spruce Bluff Farm, Red Deer, and Robert Page, Pinchurst, Pine Lake, was favored with a beautiful day and a good turnout. The sale took place at Spruce Bluff farm and was handled by Mr. R. L. Craig, of Olds, and Mr. P. J. Bourheier, of Innisfail, auctioneers. The arrangements were well made and admirably carried out, and Mr. and Mrs. Root's well known hospitality was largely availed of by the visitors. The bidding was not spirited, owing to the financial conditions, but Mr. Root's bulls brought a very good average and very close to the expectations of the owner. Mr. Page's stock were from his herd bull, Lord Cromwell, and Mr. Page's were got by his bull Golden Count. The young bulls were not offered. It is the intention of Mr. Root to make this sale an annual event, and the square dealing, liberal terms, and choice stock, which marked Wednesday's sale, will be a feature of all future sales at Spring Bluff - Red Deer, Advocate.

Wheat 17 Inches High.

During the latter part of last August Mr. R. W. Bradshaw seeded about 250 acres of winter wheat just south west of town. This was put in on the seed. Last Monday we had the extreme pleasure of measuring it and found it standing 17 inches high. Taking the grain in hand and stretching out the leaves to their actual length they measured over 19 inches. Now mind you this is grown from the seed, first crop,

seeded in August and measured on the 11th day of May. If you can beat it just drive along and let us know where. When you are writing to your friends just send along this clipping and tell them it is from Magrath, "The Garden City of Alberta." Magrath Pioneer.

Prairie Fire at the Park.

The week before last a prairie fire did considerable damage at Elk Island Lake Park. To the Fort Saskatchewan Reporter, Mr. F. A. Walker M.P.P., gives this information: "The fire came in from about 4 miles south and burned over the southeast corner of the Park, consuming about 180 of the fence posts, but strange to say, it skipped a sufficient number of the posts here and there to support the wire, not a foot of it being down, and consequently none of the game escaped. At the time of the fire the buffalo were in the southwest corner of the Park." Continuing, Mr. Walker said great praise was due Mr. Simmons and his assistant, Mr. Percy Ashby, for the able manner in which they fought the fire. "A fireguard is an absolute necessity on the south and east sides of the Park to protect the 4,000 acres of valuable green timber," concluded Mr. Walker.

The fire, as above stated, originated about four miles east of the park, and destroyed everything in its path, a man by the name of Casswell, losing his house, stables and all their contents. One woman while driving in that locality was overtaken by the flames and in her excitement drove against a stump, breaking a whiffletree, and was forced to unhitch the horses and run for her life, leaving a wagon and new sewing machine to the mercy of the flames.

Dry Farming Lectures.

The department of agriculture has arranged for a series of dry farming lectures again this year by Professor Campbell, of Lincoln, Neb., in Southern Alberta. Lectures will be as follows: Medicine Hat, June 15; Cardston, June 16; Magrath, June 17; Raymond, June 18; Stirling, June 19; Lethbridge, June 20; Pincher, June 22; Macleod, June 23; Claresholm, June 24; Nanton, June 25; High River, June 26; Gleichen, June 27; Didsbury, June 29.

Alberta Farming Notes.

Several Western American railroads were heavily fined by Judge Landis of Chicago for violating the ordinance forbidding the keeping of cattle in cars for more than 28 hours at a time without feeding. The Chicago Rock Island and Pacific was especially heavily penalized.

The G.T.R. was fined \$100 for holding a car load of cattle 45 hours without feed or water. The cattle belonged to R. J. Stead of Winton, Ont., and the fine was imposed by Magistrate Kingsford. Meat packing plants, the elevator system of the West, and the establishment of chilled meat trade are utilities that the public will do well to investigate, with the idea of having them under government ownership as early a date as possible. It is true only one of these is in existence at present, and active steps are being taken to have the governments take it over, namely, the elevators. F. and Ranch Review.

Washington postal officials say that since the advent of the split log drag the problem of building earth roads is comparatively easy. It is now a question of educating the farmers and road overseers to use the drag. Public meetings addressed by competent road builders, and prizes from the State for the districts having the best roads are accomplishing this end.

Captain Phillips of the Battle River ranch at Asker, Alberta, contributed to the last number of the Farm and Ranch Review an exceptionally good article on the removal of the British embargo on live cattle and the advantages of the chilled meat trade, which is worth any one's while to read. The article is too long to copy in full in the Home-stand, but we would recommend a careful perusal. This is a question upon which every stockman should have an opinion and be in possession of information on which to base his opinion.

Prosecuted by the C.P.R.

The Leduc Representative says: "Pete Swanson, a well-known farmer west of town on the Blind Land, was before Magistrate Bouchier and Mundy yesterday charged with cutting logs on the C.P.R. land 31 19 27. The information was laid by Inspector Phair, who with Wallace MacDonald of Bown and MacDonald of Edmonton, was present to look after the interests of the company. Mr. Swanson did not deny cutting the logs on C.P.R. land, but like many another settler had the erroneous idea that the company could not do anything as they did not own the land. He, together with others who had committed a like offence, was given a chance to settle, but refused. However, when called by the court, Swanson pleaded guilty and at the request of Inspector Phair was 'let down light,' being fined \$15 and costs, and \$3.40 damages, making a total of \$25.

There seems to be a general feeling among farmers and home-steaders that it is no harm to steal from the C.P.R., and that the company has no right to the land. The Representative has made careful enquiry into the matter of C.P.R. land, and we find that all their lands are held under what is termed a 'Land Warrant,' which is somewhat of the nature of a transfer, and Inspector Phair informs us that it is only a matter of giving the Department time to issue certificates of title.

The only question over which a dispute might arise is whether the company is liable for taxes on lands from which they derive a revenue, and this is a question upon which no decision has ever been given by the courts.

As to cutting timber on C.P.R. lands we would advise our farmers and others to never try it in the belief that the company cannot prosecute. In any case an injustice that while the settler pays taxes which help to make C.P.R. and more valuable, the company does not have to pay anything to maintain schools, roads, etc. But it does not help matters any for the settler to cut logs on lands that do not belong to him as two wrongs never yet made a right."

Property owners along First street are objecting to the proposal to give Mr. John Walter the right to run a spur line down that thoroughfare to the mill. It was at first intended to extend the spur from the power house to the mill, but this was found impracticable. The commissioners are now endeavoring to discover another practical route.

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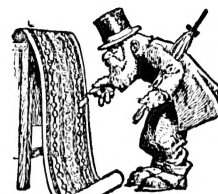
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sleigh.

And I froze an ear on a July day.

Once," said Fernando Jones

"Remember that year without a
summer?"

Quies Fernando Jones:

"I guess you don't. Well, that was
a hummer."

Declares Fernando Jones.

"It was Eighteen Sixteen I most
forget."

But I don't forget how it felt, you
bet?"

Attests Fernando Jones.

"You call this a rain? It's only a
mist."

Exclaims Fernando Jones.

"I have dodged rain-drops as big as
your fist."

Affirms Fernando Jones.

"As a weather watcher your name
is Mud."

I could tell you things that would
chill your blood.

Why I was with Noah during the
flood!"

Exults Fernando Jones.

A despatch from Afghanistan
gives the Nameover authorities a
pointer in dealing with anti-foreign
rioters.

"Habile-Ullah, the ameer,
for prevention of anti-British agita-
tion among his subjects. An order
has been issued in the border dis-
tricts that any person found guilty
of spreading the agitation shall
have his tongue torn out, while any
Afghan who joins the Mahmonds or
other tribesmen engaged in anti-
British warfare shall have his feet
cut off."

This should do the trick all right.

PICKINGS FROM PUNCH.

Indignation has been caused in the
British Colony at Tangier by a notice
published by the Consulate that
the British Government cannot in
future ransom anyone captured by
brigands; the money, it is pre-
sumed, being required for Old Age
Pensions. Several important kid-
nappings have in consequence had to
be indefinitely held over.

There is, we suppose, nothing like
being thorough. In view of the
threatened Licensing Act the
mayor and chief residents of Burton
on Trent have decided not to hold
the usual lifeboat demonstration this
year. They will have nothing to do
with anything associated with water.

Several persons living in North
Westmeath claim to have seen a lep-
rechaun recently, and it is now pro-
posed that the provisions of the
Licensing Bill shall be made to ex-
tend to Ireland.

At a meeting of the Mitcham
Parish Council a letter was read
from the Surrey Territorial Associa-
tion asking that the Council to in-
duce their employees to join the Ter-
ritorial Army, but it was pointed
out that the Council's only employee
was a grave digger. It is thought
that the Army Council will now
suggest that he will be a capital fel-
low for making entrenchments.

Poor Shakespeare! Coming out
of His Majesty's Theatre after the
revival of The Merry Wives a play-
goer was heard to remark that he
much preferred "the same author's
Merry Widow."

News reaches from a private
source of the wonderful and satis-
factory effect Highlanders are hav-

ing on the Zakha Khols. No sooner
do the wild tribesmen catch sight of
the skirted warriors than with a cry
of "Look out here come the Suffra-
gettes!" they disappear as by magic.

The following which recently ap-
peared in an American paper re-
sembles some of the Georgia stories
told by Editor Dave Elton of Card-
ston enough to make one suspect
that he is responsible for it:

An old dunce, anxious to be a
minister went to be ordained. He
was questioned thus:

"Can you write?"

"No, sah!"

How do you know about the
Bible?"

"Ma niece reads it to me!"

"Know about the Ten Command-
ments?"

"No, sah!"

"The twenty-third psalm?"

"Nehder heard of him, sah!"

"Know the Beatitudes?"

"No, sah!"

"Well, what part of the Bible do
you like best?"

"Par'bles, sah!"

"Can you give us one?"

"Deed, yes, sah!" "Let us have
it, then."

"Once we'on the Queen of Sheba
was gwine down to Jerusalem, she
fell among thieves. First they
passed her by on de oddah side, den
dey come ova'n de' dey say unto her,
'Fro down Jezabel!' but she wouldn't
fro her down; and again dey say
unto her, 'Fro down Jezabel!' but
she wouldn't fro her down; and
again dey say unto her, 'Fro de first
and last time, for I ain't gwine to
ax you no mo', 'Fro down Jezabel!'
and dey fro'd her down for seventy
times and seven, till de remains were
leven baskets; and I say unto yo,
whose wife was she at de resurrec-
tion?"

When John Reeve was playing
domkates at Bristol, upon being
sabbled by Aristommas, he denied
the fairness of the thrust and ap-
pealing to the pit, said: "It is not
fair, is it?" A bald headed gentle-
man, who probably took the whole
representation to be serious, and to
whom Reeve directed his glance, re-
plied: "Really, sir, I cannot say,
for I don't fence."

A college professor with his son,
was enjoying a walk in the country,
when he met an old farmer. It had
been a very wet season, and the pro-
fessor, thinking to start the conver-
sation in a way that would prove in-
teresting to the farmer, remarked:
"There has been rather an abnormal
precipitation of late." The farmer
seemed somewhat embarrassed, and
the professor's son, who used a
different vernacular, thought he was
a student in the college to which his
father was attached, attempted to
straighten out the matter, drav-
ing the farmer to one side, he said
in a superior way: "The governor
means that we've been having a
lot of rain."

One-day a young matron to the
market place did go, where she
bought an oyster plant, then set it
out to grow. Said she, "Next win-
ter we'll have oysters, fresh oysters
every day, and what a saving it will
be, with not a cent to pay. Oh, but
hubbs should be thankful it was his
lot in life to get such a saving
woman for his own little wife."

"Speaking of the money ques-
tion," remarked Greening, "what
this country needs is an elastic cur-
rency."

"Then," rejoined his wife, proud
of her ability to see through a stone
wall with a hole in it, "why doesn't
the Government print banknotes on
sheet rubber?"

"There!" said the captain, as
Jonah was tossed overboard, "that's
a clear case of prophet and loss."

Jimmy Teacher says dat old guy
Argus has a hundred eyes.

Billy: Gave what a dandy baseball
umpire he'd make.

Mr. A. Hirsch, purchasing agent
for Swift and Co., announced when
in Edmonton this week that slough-
tering at the plant to the east of
the city would commence early in
the fall.

The Edmonton city council on
Tuesday night voted \$7500 for an
extension of the telephone system,
which will provide for all the
phones applied for in the business
section.

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visitor to the Capital of Alberta uses it. The
other day it came to the lips of a prominent
eastern newspaper man who was passing
through.

"But," he added "there is nothing that
has surprised me so much as to find in exis-
tence here a paper like the Saturday News.
Why, its appearance alone is equal to that of
any journal in the country and there are only
one or two that are even its equals. I should
think that, turning out such a paper as this,
each week, you would be swamped with
printing orders, for people must recognise
that an office that publishes a paper like the
Saturday News can do printing that must
satisfy anybody."

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MY LADY'S SLIPPER

"Oh little satin slipper of a fashion passed away,
Pray tell me of the winsome dames who graced your little day.
Who was it that once wore you? Was she young, and slim and tall?
A toast at every banquet, and the belle of every ball?"

"You dainty little slipper, would you deem it indelicate
To ask if you still dream about her arched and slender feet?
You never romped the 'Lancers,' nor learnt to waltz, I know,
But in a stately minuet did point your satin toe.

"I wonder if some gallant, in brocaded coat and lace,
Your blushing mistress courted for her beauty and her grace,
And if he bribed her waiting-maid, and stole your fellow shoe?
I rather think that that date it was the thing to do."

"Oh, did the couple marry? Did they have a house in town?
Was he a wit, a courtier?
Was she of fair renown? I want to know WHAT happened! Ancient slipper, tell, I pray!"

But no; it held its satin tongue, and nothing would it say.

Sheila E. Braine.

"LOCAL KNOWLEDGE"

After two years and a-half I am beginning to feel at home among you. I realized it this morning when I half-idly looked up my last year's account of the Bal Poudre, and becoming intensely absorbed in it, turned back and yet back again until I came to my first write-ups of various social functions that were my introduction to Edmonton as a so-called society reporter.

Two years and a-half! In that time what changes! Why even reviewing last year's Ball I find that a great many of the owners of the names are scattered to the four winds of Heaven, while some, some of them, saddest and most irrevocable change, we may never hope again to see at any social reunion. In the newspaper world we sum up this feeling at home among a community, as "local knowledge," and perhaps no one can grasp quite as well as a journalist, how important a factor in the success of any paper such information is.

Aside however, from its value in that connection, to realize that as time goes by, the people in a new community are gradually taking you into their hearts and confidence means, must mean, that their doing so opens the way before you to a very great deal of happiness and many new interests.

I arrive in town a stranger. No one cares a button about me, while I on the other hand am hungering for just one friendly hand grasp, for the assurance that out in this bustling new town one of my own kind will send me one little thought of interest. And the days move by. How wearily they stretch themselves out! and still I am a stranger within the gates. In silence, save for the presence of my own small family I dine in my little corner of the restaurant, until one day a friend of an aunt of mine calls.

The experience is two and a-half years old, but today I never see that woman, one of the loveliest characters I have ever been my privilege to meet, but that my heart goes out to her with a world of love in it, and I know within my soul that I have a higher appreciation of all womanhood because "she" belongs to it.

It has not surprised me as time has flown by, for by now you see I am busy and kind friends are legion, to find that this "friend of my aunt's" is also the steady, loyal friend of every woman in town who has stood in need of one.

Yesterday, walking down street with two mutual acquaintances we happened to mention her, when it was borne in on me, that after all many people DO reap their reward in this world for every scrap of the sweetness and happiness they infuse into it, and that, cynical to the core, it really is worth while "to scatter sunshine" unselfishly, all along the way.

I mention this particular incident

of the first friendship I made in Edmonton because it formed the foundation of my "feeling at home" among you, or in other words, laid the corner stone of my first acquired local knowledge.

Since then that of the faces I meet I know a little, at least, about, while those I come across in daily social intercourse, are not only of interest in themselves, but because of their children, their relations and a thousand incidents in which we have mutually taken part.

Gradually and imperceptibly I find I have come to be interested in their most trivial actions. "How did you get along at golf?" we say, one to the other. "By the way, is your friend coming to visit you this month?"

Is there an illness, however slight, among any of our children or ourselves, we are not satisfied until we learn how it fares with the invalid. Mrs. J.'s gown, Mrs. D.'s sister; any of a thousand trifles, arouses a kindly question. And if, as some aver, we are occasionally curious from sheer morbid interest, you will find this in even every smallest home circle, while are we not one huge family, of many interests and many minds?

I hear a large number of people who talk for the mere pleasure of hearing their own voices, deprecate this habit we have, in our smaller cities and towns, of minding each other's business, but sakes alive! who wants to be a rank outsider? Not I for one. Rather would I infinitely prefer to be known as a woman with a peppery temper and a hasty tongue, still of some few good and likable traits, than pass in and out among you a person of no account or interest, wrapped up in a mantle of smug irreproachability.

Inhuman monsters of goodness bore me to the verge of madness. Do you not also find it so?

And then the little comedies of life one encounters, as "this being in the know" information extends itself.

Returning to a branch of my particular work in life, social reporting, you will see the significance of it.

I am writing, we will say, an account of a golf ten, and carelessly refer to a little group of intimates, as forming an interesting party at one end of the club verandah, mentioning Mrs. B. and Mrs. S. as among the number. As likely as not these women are not on speaking terms, when you can better imagine what follows in reference to myself in two homes, than I can tell you.

At another time I depict in glowing colors Mrs. Blank's elaborate luncheon, utterly oblivious that Blank is a trifle behind-hand in meeting his household expenses. Descent of Blank's creditors in a ruin mad ringing of the phone and hurried explanations why it would have been better to have omitted details.

With a comprehension of what life means to the people with whom I daily come in contact, I learn what topics to avoid and what particular trend of conversation will interest. Entering into each other's joys and

sorrows we mutually learn to hear and forbear. The West is no longer a strange land with a strange people, one is at home among one's own and well-loved kind as I feel today with a fund of information about the very newest baby, and a very fair idea of "who" is going "where" this summer, and what the latest "news of interest" is.

And who will be the "belle" of the powdered Ball this year?

Twelve months ago I see that the mother of one of Edmonton's youngest and prettiest matrons, queened it among the middle-aged women in "a splendid black sequined robe" over white satin, a high aigrette in every May and Bal Poudre its queen. When it is all a thing of the past and I have decided in my own mind, I wonder, will I, like the satin tongue of my lady's slipper, be discreet, and keep my own counsel, or insert as a panel in the skirt and ornamenting the bodice? That an-

other Mrs. B. wore" an exquisite frock of D'Antelle lace, over knitted chiffon and white satin petticoats."

That Mrs. S. "might have stepped out of a fascinating miniature frame," and that one of the most attractive and popular girls who ever visited town, "Jessie— " a coming Autumn's bride by the way, and the groom-to-be an old Edmonton friend of a great many of us, was "a distinctly lovely vision in a black sequin robe with an armful of exquisite red roses, the same radiant flowers in her beautifully arranged hair."

Every swallow has its summer and every May and Bal Poudre its queen. When it is all a thing of the past and I have decided in my own mind, I wonder, will I, like the satin tongue of my lady's slipper, be discreet, and keep my own counsel, or will I grow confidential, and perchance Time will tell.

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LADIES' WEAR

HOME AND SOCIETY

To London Town from Babylon
The pageant of the world goes by
For you, for you, I pause and con-
A Stander-by

"Oh, but you lady golfers missed it," as the small kiddies say, when you didn't turn up at the first "ladies' morning" practice on Wednesday and the jolly picnic luncheon that intervened between the morning and afternoon play.

The merry function was a miniature reproduction of the gay luncheon party of a week ago; and those who were present were unanimous in declaring it just "the very best ever."

In writing of the affair I may mention that "We were seven" and of the nine units, seven's the lucky one.

You know what they say of the seventh son of a seventh son. Also that when supremest happiness is given, the fortunate one is in the seventh heaven. So being seven, I need only say that the party was an infectiously happy and congenial one, that there was some excellent play, that the "picnic luncheon" contained as many surprises as a fish-pond or the ever fascinating grab-bag, that one lady was heard to declare that it was a delight to occasionally be able to steal away from one's home and husband, and that all agreed that they wouldn't miss a Wednesday morning from now on, if school kept or not. And the seven sisters were: Mrs. Nightingale, Mrs. St. George Jellett, Mrs. Bruntton, Mrs. McPherson, Madame Thibaudau, Mrs. Bishopric and Mrs. Balmer Watt.

Mr. and Mrs. Mowat Biggar did not return from their wedding tour, as was incorrectly reported in a contemporary on Monday last, having only left Toronto on that day, but are expected in town on this coming Monday, when they will take up their residence on Seventh street.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobson will not leave for the coast until the middle of July, but are occupying Mr. and Mrs. Cross's fine residence on Eighth street and Hardisty Ave. during their absence at Bowen Island.

Mrs. Cantley of Belton Lodge has resumed her former reception days, the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month.

Mrs. Purdee and her household move out to their summer home at St. Albert this Saturday, going later in the season to Gull Lake, where she and Mrs. Nightingale will share the Emery cottage for a month or more.

I hear, by the way, that Mr. Nightingale is going to have a camp for the boys at the same pleasant spot, and that in the Autumn he will take up new school quarters on Seventeenth street, but of this I intend to speak at length a little later on.

Owing to the very inclement weather of Saturday last, the Golf Tea, to have been given by Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Kirkpatrick, and for which preparations had all been made, was obliged to be called off.

I learn with regret, for indeed I never like to be in the wrong, at least if you are going to find me out, that in last week's article referring to Miss Mary Campbell and her work, I, under a misapprehension, stated that Mr. Knowles and Mr. Reid occupied joint studios. The matter is one of trifling importance, but still was incorrect, and in naming Mr. Knowles a member of the committee of the Applied Arts Association, I believe I was also in error. However, Mr. Knowles WAS the man primarily responsible for its introduction into Canada, and more than that for fostering it, as he is to the present day. Writing of such a fascinating thing as exquisite china, I find that these details of only passing interest; the fact remains that Miss Campbell can, more than justify all that I have said of her, and whether Mr. Reid consort with Mr. Knowles or whether Mr. Knowles's name appeared or didn't on the committee in question, is to my mind of no moment. Sufficient Miss Campbell is here, her work speaks for itself, and we have the benefit of both.

Mrs. R. Percy Barnes will not receive again till the autumn.

Miss Merrill, who has been the guest of Mrs. Herring Cooper for

some time past, is now nicely settled at Mrs. Magoun's, corner of Victoria Ave. and Eighth street and will receive in future on the first and third Mondays.

Dr. James Biggar left on Thursday for Kamloops, B.C., where he has gone to give medical evidence in a sensational murder trial.

On Monday, May 25th, there will be a men's single medal competition in the morning, and mixed four-somes in the afternoon; the young ladies committee being the tea hostesses for the day. There was some talk of a luncheon, but as a great many of the ladies were kept very busy with the arrangements for the Bad Poudre, it was finally called off.

Mrs. McNaug was the hostess of a very enjoyable Five Hundred party on Thursday week, Miss Chisholm and Mr. J. K. Boyle carrying off the dainty favours for the best luck and good play.

Mrs. Stinson and Mrs. Smith had a charming little tea at Updown Villa during the week, quite a merry coterie dropping in at the tea hour.

Mrs. W. D. Ferris and Mrs. Wallbridge spent Wednesday at the Fort, and were much missed as a consequence at the Golf Picnic luncheon.

Mrs. Richard Hardisty gave a huge tea on Thursday afternoon, in honor of Mr. Dick Hardisty's fiancée, Miss Kelly of Chicago, so many guests responding to the invitation to be present that it was really like three teas in one; the large double reception room being filled with one set of friends, another set choosing to foregather in the cheery dining room, while the hall and conservatory were filled with a third and fourth coterie. It was all in all a notable gathering, such as few houses in Edmonton now assemble, old friends never being forgotten by Mrs. Hardisty and her young daughter-in-law, Mrs. Percy Hardisty, being so popular with the younger set.

The hostess, in a handsome frock of fawn figured voile, enriched with some fine lace and touches of brown velvet, received at the entrance to the drawing room, Mrs. Dan Baker, a sister of Miss Kelly's, and the tall, stunning guest of honor of the afternoon, being at her right hand to receive the throngs of callers, who, like the brook, seemed coming on forever. Mrs. Baker was wearing a simple but very becoming toilette of black lace over tulle; while the fair fiancée was frocked in a cream lace robe with a huge knot of mauve and purple sweet peas at the waist and a handsome jewelled necklace at her throat, which touches of color served to throw into fine relief, her lovely dark eyes, and rich coloring.

At a little flower-bedecked table in the reception room, Mrs. Harcourt dispensed delicious ices, while out in the dining room at a table beautifully arranged with a tall, cut glass ewer on a mirror base, was such a shower of exquisite pink carnations and fairy fern, with a lower storey of cool green leaves, as perfumed and adorned the entire room.

Here Mrs. Harrison Young and Mrs. Nicholls presided during the first hour, being relieved by Mrs. W. D. Ferris and Mrs. St. George Jellett. Three pretty and daintily frocked young girls, Miss Stocks, Miss Norah Campbell and Miss Anna McDougall passed the delicious dainties.

As the tea occurred so late in the week and as the guests were so very, very many, and wore such very pretty frocks, it would be almost impossible for me to attempt to enumerate them at this hour. Enough that it was an exceedingly bright and enjoyable tea, and that everyone was very glad of the opportunity of meeting the tall, serious and yet merry bride-elect, whom somehow one finds so very hard to describe accurately, because she is just herself, with an individual attraction all her own.

Just before leaving I came across Mrs. Percy Hardisty, frocked in a most becoming champagne-colored gown with pretty lace garniture, who declared she wasn't one of the hostesses, but was nevertheless being made much of because it is somehow one of her charms that her friends want to pet and try their best to spoil her.

One of the "Glad-to-get-homes"

during the week was Mrs. Edmiston, who arrived in the city from the coast on Saturday last, and is once more settled in her own home. The sea air, however, seems to have agreed with her and she is looking splendidly well.

Mrs. Swainland and Mrs. Cantley will be the Golf Tea hostesses this Saturday.

Mrs. H. H. Richards will receive for the first time since coming to Edmonton on Wednesday next at her home on Fourteenth street.

Peggy

Mr. Little is adding small lines of ladies' fancy work, and is clearing off the more bulky lines such as hampers, toilet paper and sporting goods.

Judge Noel this week held court at Law St. Anne for the first time in the history of that settlement.

BORN

Gowan On May 14th, at 192 Fifth street, Edmonton, to Mr. and Mrs. George H. Gowan, a son.

Latham At Clover Bar on Saturday, May 9th, to Mr. and Mrs. Mark Latham, a daughter.

Bowen At Strathecona on Thursday May 11th, to Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Bowen, a daughter.

Kent At Strathecona, Alberta, on Sunday, May 17th, to Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Kent, a daughter.

DIED

Muslemann On May 20, Mary McEachern, wife of L. Muslemann, Third street, aged 50 years.

A \$25,000 Rector.

Rev. Dr. W. T. Manning, the newly elected rector of Trinity Church, New York, who succeeds to the mantle that fell from the shoulders of Dr. Morgan Dix, has been known among his fellow clergies as the "Little Giant of St. Agnes's," but the designation is now considered inappropriate because he has nine churches under his care, maintains a staff of twenty-five subordinate clergy and supervises the spiritual interests of seven thousand communicants. He may still be called the "Little Giant" behind his back, as Napoleon was called the "Little Corporal," but it is not easy to take liberties with a rector with a stipend of \$25,000 a year, who has refused two bishoprics. The estate administered by the corporation of this church yields an income of \$1,000,000. Dr. Manning the new rector of this down town church which is said to be the wealthiest in America, is forty two years old. He was born in England and came over to this side of the Atlantic at the age of ten. He graduated at a southern university and became rector of a small church in California. When a professor of dogmatic theology he married into the wealthy Van Antwerp family, and was thereafter relieved of many uncertainties that fall to the lot of clerical beginners. To this alliance is owed a rare collection of Colonial and Dutch furniture, including enameled four-poster beds, that will adorn the stately rectory of Trinity parish, in the rear of the Hoffman House.

Dr. Manning's sermons are said to be strong and simple in style, with a slight tendency toward philosophy, and insist upon the fundamental principles of religion.

Divorce is repudiated and honestly enjoined in business and politics, without special emphasis on the problems of the hour or the day. Capital and labor are equally blamed for unrighteous deeds.

A moderate conservatism in regard to ritual has been noted. Dr. Manning is said to be able to interest children, and upon a recent occasion entertained a large number of them with a simple talk on the meaning of the altar and the vestments worn by the priests. His social duties as rector will probably compel him to keep an establishment as large as that of his predecessor, amounting to twelve servants. The rector of the parish must entertain a great deal. For example, he is expected to give a dinner for his staff of twenty-five clergymen twice a year. A large proportion of the incumbent's salary is spent on entertaining dignitaries of the church and others, although free house and rent mitigates the total expense.

Quebec Tercentary Celebration.

A fine souvenir album is to be issued for the Quebec Tercentary celebration. It will be published in both languages, and will contain a life of Champlain, some historical papers relating to the foundation of the pioneer city of Canada, an article on the battle of the Plains, etc. It will be illustrated with rare portraits and prints and the cover will be lithographed and printed in several colors. Should our readers wish to secure a copy of this publication, we advise them to order it at once, as the edition will be limited. Price, 25cts post-paid. Copies can be had from the editor, Mr. Raoul Renault, Quebec, Canada.

ROUTES, ROADIES AND RACES

A bureau of information for bicyclists has been established in Toronto under the auspices of The Associated Bicycle Interests. The purpose of the bureau is to afford free information to all inquirers regarding roads and routes in the different parts of Canada, and to afford publicity for track and road racing events to so that qualified contestants from all parts may have an opportunity to enter. Lists of these events, and the prizes when available, will be supplied on application. But the information bureau will not deal with the question of handicaps or the past record of riders. All enquiries, as well as communications regarding bicycling and bicycle races, should be addressed to The Associated Bicycle Interests, Room 30 Saturday Night Building, Toronto.

Night riders from Kentucky are destroying the crops of the tobacco growers of Ohio. The militia has been called out to patrol the tobacco growing districts.

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